

## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION ENFORCEMENT BUREAU REGION ONE

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## NOTICE OF UNLICENSED OPERATION

Case Number: EB-FIELDNER-17-00023948

On October 3, 2017, an Agent from the New York Office (New York Office) of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's or Commission's) Enforcement Bureau (Bureau) responded to a complaint of an unlicensed FM station operating on the frequency 91.3 MHz in Queens, New York. The Agent confirmed by direction finding techniques that radio signals on frequency 91.3 MHz were emanating from 41-07 95<sup>th</sup> Street, Queens, New York. The Agent heard the radio station identify itself as "La Bakana FM." Through investigation, the Agent determined that you were the operator of the station. The Commission's records show no license issued for operation of a radio station on 91.3 MHz at this location in Queens, New York.

Radio stations operating on a range of frequencies,  $^1$  including 91.3 MHz, must be licensed by the FCC pursuant to Section 301 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Act).  $^2$  The only exception to this licensing requirement is for certain transmitters using or operating at a power level that complies with the standards established in Part 15 of the Commission's rules. On October 3, 2017, the field strength of the signal on frequency 91.3 MHz exceeded the maximum permitted level of 250 microvolts per meter ( $\mu$ V/m) at 3 meters for non-licensed devices. Thus, this station was operating in violation of Section 301 of the Act.

You are hereby warned that operation of radio transmitting equipment without a valid radio station authorization, or in violation of the Commission's RF radiation limits, constitutes a violation of the Federal laws cited above and could subject the operator to severe penalties,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 47 CFR § 73.201.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 301.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 47 CFR §§ 15.1 et seq.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 301.

including, but not limited to, substantial monetary fines, *in rem* arrest action against the offending radio equipment, and criminal sanctions, including imprisonment.<sup>5</sup>

## UNLICENSED OPERATION OF THIS RADIO STATION MUST BE DISCONTINUED IMMEDIATELY.

You have ten (10) days from the date of this notice to respond with any evidence that you have authority to operate granted by the Commission. Your response should be sent to the address in the letterhead and reference the listed case number. Under the Privacy Act of 1974, we are informing you that the Commission's staff will use all relevant material information before it to determine what, if any, enforcement action is required to ensure your compliance with Commission rules. This will include any information that you disclose in your reply.

You may contact this office if you have any questions.

David C. Dombrowski Regional Director Region One Enforcement Bureau Federal Communications Commission

## Attachments:

Excerpts from the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended Enforcement Bureau, "Inspection Fact Sheet", March 2005

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See 47 U.S.C. §§ 401, 501, 503 and 510.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3).